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Title: Final West Valley Demonstration Project Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement, Cattaraugus County, West Valley, New York.

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Abstract:

The purpose of the *Final West Valley Demonstration Project Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement* is to provide information on the environmental impacts of the Department of Energy's proposed action to ship radioactive wastes that are either currently in storage, or that will be generated from operations over the next 10 years, to offsite disposal locations, and to continue its ongoing onsite waste management activities. Decommissioning or long-term stewardship decisions will be reached based on a separate EIS that is being prepared for that decisionmaking. This EIS evaluates the environmental consequences that may result from actions to implement the proposed action, including the impacts to the onsite workers and the offsite public from waste transportation and onsite waste management. The EIS analyzes a no action alternative, under which most wastes would continue to be stored onsite over the next 10 years. It also analyzes an alternative under which certain wastes would be shipped to interim offsite storage locations prior to disposal. The Department's preferred alternative is to ship wastes to offsite disposal locations.

Public Comments:

The WVDP Waste Management EIS was issued in draft on May 16, 2003, for public review and comment. A public hearing on the Draft EIS was held on June 11, 2003, at the Ashford Office Complex near the WVDP site. DOE received comments from 21 individuals, organizations, and agencies.

A complete copy of the WVDP Waste Management Final EIS can be viewed at:
<http://www.wv.doe.gov/LinkingPages/RevisedEnvironmental%20Impact%20Statement.htm>.